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In response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2000, for the above-referenced matter, please consider the following comments.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed August 30, 2000, has been received and carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested. No claims have been cancelled, amended or added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejected claims 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,232,956 issued to Mooney ("Mooney"). This rejection is traversed. Claims

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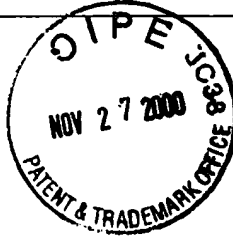
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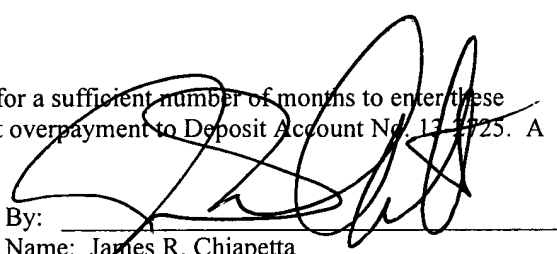
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